

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

St Lawrence the Martyr, Abbots Langley
with the Church of the Ascension, Bedmond

2nd July 2023

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Dennis Spooner

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence Church

President & Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Nigel Higgs

Intercessions: Wendy Meldrum

Readings:

Jeremiah 28: 5 - 9 (P. 742)

(Romans 6: 12 - end) (P. 152)

Matthew 10: 40 - end (P. 10)

Hymns:

497 Let all the world in every corner sing

525 Name of all majesty

557 Praise to the Holiest

283 Before the throne of God above

606 Thy hand o God has guided.

5.00pm Breathing Space
Is Religion Relevant?

WELCOME

Welcome to our worship today, especially to visitors and newcomers - please introduce yourself if you are new or a visitor.

If you usually receive communion in your own church, please do so here. If not, you are very welcome to receive a blessing. Please tell a welcomer before the service if you would like a gluten-free wafer. There is no obligation to receive the wine if this causes anxiety.



Seekers - This group for primary school aged children meets during the service every week, except at our all-age service, which is on the second Sunday of each month. Everyone welcome, please ask a welcomer for details.

Our service is livestreamed on Facebook and [thesundayservice.org](https://www.thesundayservice.org). Welcome to all those taking part from home: if you would like an order of service to follow please contact the parish office. For those unable to attend church due to medical reasons, we will be delighted to bring communion to you at home: please do ask!

A T-loop is provided for hearing-aid users.



All are welcome to
go to the Church
Hall after the
9.30am to
welcome Helen
and enjoy some
fizz and cake!



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

BIBLE NOTES:

How many prophets were there in the Hebrew Scriptures? Not just the sixteen with biblical books to their name, but many, many others. Indeed, for many years there was a whole caste of prophets based around the Temple, seen as voicing God's perspective on the life of Israel. It was always very tempting for them to align that perspective with whatever national, or royal, sentiment wanted to hear at the time. That's the background to today's reading from Jeremiah, recording that prophet's clash with his rival Hananiah. The latter's message of swift national revival was too comfortable to be true, said Jeremiah. A mark of the true prophet is the willingness to speak unwelcome things.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

ANTHEM:

Blessed are the pure in Heart

Music: *H. Walford-Davies*

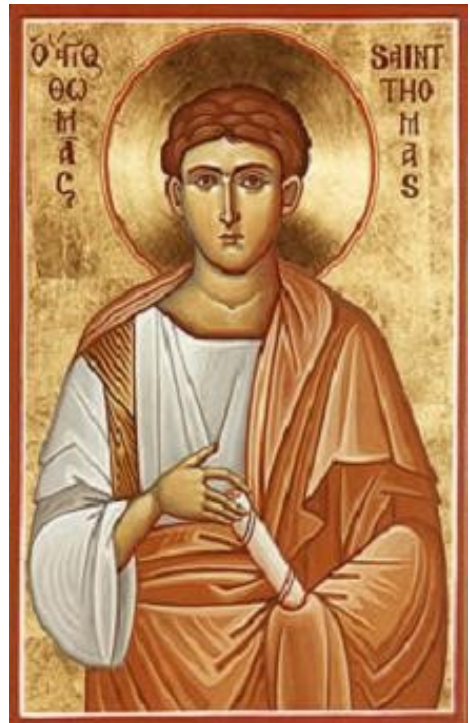
Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs;
Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul
He doth Himself impart;
And for His dwelling and His throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

Thomas the Apostle

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Thomas is mentioned among the number of the Apostles in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke but it is in John's gospel that his significance is revealed. Firstly, he is heard encouraging the other disciples to go to Judæa with Jesus; then, not knowing what Jesus meant when he talked about where he was to go elicited the answer that Jesus was himself the Way. But probably most famously he was the Apostle notably unconvinced by reports of the resurrection of Jesus, causing Jesus to show him the marks in his hands and feet and side. Thomas then proclaims the words that have been described as the great climax to John's gospel by saying to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"



FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For Helen, and for all the new deacons and priests of the diocese
- For the parish of All Saints, Leavesden
- For all taking part on the Pilgrim Course
- For all victims of abuse within the Church, and for all involved in the work of Safeguarding
- For refugees

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; David Southorn; James Mote; Nancy DeMaranville;
Sandra McIntosh

FOR THE DEPARTED

Wendy Breese; Bryan Yates;
Mary Smith;

NEXT SUNDAY

9th July 2023

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- 5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 24: 34 - 38, 42 - 58 - end (P. 20)
Zechariah 9: 9 - 12 (P. 898)
Romans 7: 15 - 25a (P. 153)
Matthew 11: 16 - 19, 25 - end (P. 11)

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday. Helen's day off is Friday. Peter and Helen are at a training day all day Saturday.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 3rd July

10.00am Coffee Morning

Breakspear Room

1.45pm Tiny Tots

Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell ringing Practice

St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 4th July

7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation

St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 5th July

10.00am Coffee Morning

The Church of the Ascension

11.15am Contemplative Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00 Eucharist

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

St Lawrence Church

8.00pm the Pilgrim Course

Breakspear Room

Thursday 6th July

11.00am Pastoral Committee Meeting

Breakspear Room

Friday 7th July

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat

The Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Craft and Conversation

Breakspear Room

6.15pm Youth Choir

St Lawrence Church

There is no collection during today's service. If you would like to give this morning, please use the contactless giving point at the back of Church, or just leave your gift on the offering plates at the back. Thank you.

Many of our worshippers **support the work of the Parish financially** through regular planned giving. If you don't yet, please do—ideally using the Parish Giving Scheme. It is really easy to do: just visit www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for 'Abbots Langley and Bedmond'. Alternatively, please call 0333 002 1260. For any queries about giving to the parish, please email: giving@abbotslangley.org.uk. Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

Breathing Space - Is Religion Relevant? This evening in St Lawrence Church. Tea and cake provided. All are welcome.

The next coffee morning at the Church of the Ascension will be held on Wednesday 5th July 10.00am to 12.00pm. All are welcome.

Malawi Sponsored Swim: Wendy Meldrum is doing a sponsored swim for Malawi. 10th - 16th July. Sponsor forms at the back of Church ... please support by sponsoring this swimming challenge!

Many thanks to all who helped make the **Church fete** such a success. We are pleased to announce that the money raised was £2400.

This will be split between New Hope and Breakspear School.

We are delighted to announce that the Church of the Ascension has been awarded a **Bronze Eco award**. This is an environmental award scheme from A Rocha, for churches concerned with the environment. St Lawrence is almost there!

Patronal Festival 13th August - Please make sure that you have made a note that the **Patronal Festival on Sunday 13th August is at 11.00am**. There will be no service at Church of the Ascension on this day and no 9.30am service at St Lawrence. We would love you to stay for a BBQ after the service. Please sign the list at the back of St Lawrence so that we can cater for the right amount of people. We are delighted to announce that our preacher will be Charlotte Bradley (nee Ballinger). Charlotte is Associate Priest at Westminster Abbey; former Chaplain to University College London and grew up worshipping at St Lawrence.

4th July 7.30pm we will be hosting the **Archdeacon's visitation**. At this service the Churchwardens from across the St Albans Diocese will be installed into their role. It is a legal requirement that they attend a visitation. If you are curious to see what happens you are very welcome to come along.

Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership are seeking a Treasurer and Volunteer Co-ordinator. If interested, please contact: admin@wtrp.org.uk

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